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To: Kozelka, Peter [Kozelka.Peter@epa.gov]

Subject: RE: VE project support

Hi Peter.

Good to hear from you. All documents were created by Region 4 staff and we did not obtain any contractor assistance. We created: permit, fact sheet, Environmental Assessment (EA) to comply with NEPA, EFH to comply with MSA, Biological Evaluation (BE) to comply with ESA/FWCA.

The EFH and BE were jointly developed with EPA and USACE (EPA was lead and did most of the work). EA was jointly developed by USACE and NMFS (EPA was lead and did most of the work).

Additionally, we coordinated significantly with the applicant and appropriate state or federal agency to ensure our action was in compliance with CZMA, NHPA, and MMPA.

Let me know if you need more information and if you need the documents. Hope this helps.

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From: Kozelka, Peter < Kozelka. Peter@epa.gov> Sent: Monday, October 21, 2019 2:38 PM

To: Tyler, Kip <Tyler.Kip@epa.gov> **Subject:** RE: VE project support

Also, were there any ESA&EFH documents produced?? By whom?

From: Kozelka, Peter

Sent: Monday, October 21, 2019 11:35 AM

To: Tyler, Kip < Tyler.Kip@epa.gov > **Subject:** VE project support

HI Kip – I realize that you and your EPA R4 colleagues have issued public notice documents for Velella Epsilon aquaculture project.

I'm curious as to whether R4 had contractor assistance for preparing any of these documents....and if so which contractor(s) were involved???

Draft NPDES permit and factsheet? Draft Env. Assessment? Draft Section 10 permit?

Feel free to call if that's easier.

respectfully,
-Peter Kozelka
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